

# Celebrate Juneteenth, 2022

## Dissertation Presentation with Dr. Kimal McCarthy

### **A CALLING TO COME BACK: UNDERSTANDING WHY NANTUCKET LOCALS REVISIT A COMMUNITY MUSEUM**

In 2021, Kimal McCarthy defended his dissertation titled *A Calling to Come Back: Understanding Why Nantucket Locals Revisit a Community Museum*.

This qualitative study used the personal narratives of four African American residents who live on Nantucket Island, Massachusetts to illustrate their reasons for continuously returning to the island's historic African Meeting House. Their narratives, memories, and past experiences with this historic site museum brought three social powers to light. These powers induce a calling to come back.

Alongside identifying three social powers of Nantucket's African Meeting House, Dr. McCarthy's research also provides a deep dive into the significances of repeat visitation to cultural institutions and adds the term 'community museum' to the field of museum studies.

McCarthy graduated from Nantucket High School in 2005. He has a BA from Bates College, a MS from UMass Amherst, and a EdD from Northeastern University's College of Professional Studies. McCarthy is also the Town of Nantucket's Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Director.

This event is sponsored by the Museum of African American History and the Town of Nantucket's Culture & Tourism Department and the Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Office.



**Kimal McCarthy, Ed.D.**

Date: Sunday, June 19th

Time: 3 PM – 4 PM

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